Overview of Ukrainian refugees situation in Ungheni city
Actions taken

- Ungheni City Hall had created a crisis cell
- Responsible persons have been appointed
- 25 February 2022 - the Campaign “Together with Ukraine” was launched
- List of accommodation for refugees was prepared
“Together with Ukraine” Campaign
Ungheni’s contribution to the hosting of Ukrainian refugees

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Lessons learned

01 Understanding of the migration phenomenon
- emotional issues, trauma and resilience

02 Developing intercultural competence
- intercultural communication, understanding cultural differences and empathy, intercultural interaction, conflict management

03 Interaction with refugees
- working with refugees, modalities for refugee feedback and consultation, supporting effective and culturally and socially sensitive refugee integration pathways

04 Interaction with the local community
- collaborating with the local community and mobilizing local support, communicating with the public and combating xenophobic manipulation

05 Cooperation with community groups and organizations

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- sustainable spatial development;
- development of a comfortable urban environment;
- socio-demographic development;
- modernization of the road infrastructure to periphery and rural areas;
- socio-economic development of the territory, attracting foreign and local investments;
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- the development of transport infrastructure, modernization of public passenger transport with an emphasis on the introduction of green transport;
- the development of the historical-cultural and tourism sectors;
- developing the potential of natural heritage and environmental protection;
- measures to prevent and adapt to climate change;
- expansion and rehabilitation of public utility networks.
The need to create the conditions for placing children in preschool and educational institutions

The likelihood of a new wave of migrants

Lack of spaces for temporary accommodation

Employment of refugees

Immediate challenges
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